

To the Chairman and Members of the
Saddleworth Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1941. Owing to the absence or incompleteness of the records available it has not been possible to give a complete account of the work carried out during the year. I wish also to express my thanks to the officials of the Council for their assistance in compiling this report.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The general geography and physical conditions of Saddleworth have been described in previous reports and in this year of war will not be again described.

Area - 18,485 acres (1,555 acres formed the Old Springhead). Included in the area is much enclosed moorland, which forms the gathering grounds of the many reservoirs of neighboring large towns.

Population - 16,890
Number of inhabited houses - 5825
Rateable Value - £100, 529.
Product of a Penny Rate - £390.

Chief Industries are woollen industries, calico printing, cotton industries, engineering, paper making, wall paper manufacture and dairy farming.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR (1941)

<u>Births</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Legitimate	95	88
	Illegitimate	3	2
	Total live Births		126
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 11.4			
<u>Still Births.</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Legitimate	6	2
	Illegitimate	-	1
<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Transferable deaths (away)</u>
	92	117	59
Deaths - Saddleworth - 209 Total Deaths - 268			
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population - 15.8			

Death of Infants under 1 year of age: Males 2; Females 0.

Death Rate of all Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births 10.7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF MORTALITY
(Deaths out of District not included)

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	1		
Measles	1		
Scarlet Fever	1		
Whooping Cough	1		
Diphtheria	1		
Influenza	1		
Enccephalitis Lethargica	1		
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1		
(Tuberculosis of Respiratory System (Phthisis)	3)	4	
(Other tubercular Diseases	1)		
Syphilitic Diseases	1		
Cancer			
Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus	2	Male)
Cancer of Uterus	-)
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	9	Male)
	6	Female)
Cancer of Breast	4	Female)
Cancer of all other sites	5	Males)
	5	Female)
Diabetes	2	Males	
	2	Females	
Cerebral Haemorrhage etc.	9	Males)
	16	Females)
Heart Disease	25	Males)
	36	Females)
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	Males)
	4	Females)
Bronchitis	6	Males)
	8	Females)
Pneumonia (all forms)	3	Males)
	5	Females)
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	Males)
Peptic Ulcer	5	Males	
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	1	Male	
Appendicitis	1	Female	
Other Digestive Diseases	2	Males	
	5	Females	
Nephritis (Acute and Chronic)	3	Males	
	9	Females	
Puerperal Sepsis	1		
Other Maternal causes	1		
Premature Birth	1		
Infant Birth injuries	1		
Suicide	1		
Other Violence	3	Males	
	3	Females	
All other causes	6	Males	
	10	Females	
Road Traffic Accidents	2	Males	
	2	Females	
Acute Polio-Myelitis and polio encephalitis	-		

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
STAFF - PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health
E. A. Ramsden, M.R.C.S., D.P.H. (Manchester)

Sanitary Inspector and Food & Drugs Inspector
Leonard Taylor, M.R.S.I. F.R.I.S

Housing Inspector and Sewerage
Betram Castle, M.I.M.C.E. M.R.S.I.

Public Vaccinator: John Loftus, M.B.

School Nurses:
Nurse Maude.
Nurse Reid.

Sewage Works Manager - Andrew Barker.

District Nurses.
Nurse Stafford
Nurse Henegar
Nurse Cook
Nurse Undy
Nurse Tate

Housing Manager
G. H. Booth.

Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the County Council Laboratories at Wakefield, where pathological material is examined, free of charge for suspected Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, Typhoid Fever etc., etc.; Also the water and milk supplies are examined from time to time. There has been no change in these services as the result of the war.

Ambulance Services.

Location of Ambulance	
For General Purposes	Oldham Fire Station.
Medical, Surgical Cases and Accidents	Mossley Fire Station.
For General Infectious Disease Cases	Ambulances from various Fever Hospitals, At Ashton, Oldham, Hyde and Meltham.

Home Nursing.

West Riding Nursing Association, Leeds,	
Dobcross and Delph	1 Nurse)
Uppermill and Diggle	1 Nurse)
Greenfield	1 Nurse)
Springhead	1 Nurse
	1 Midwife
Denshaw	No District Nurse.

Your Council allows an annual grant of £30 to each of the following Nursing Associations.

Dobcross and Delph Nursing Association	
Uppermill and Diggle	" "
Greenfield	" "
Springhead	" "

Payments varying between 2/6 to 4/- a year per family are charged for the services of the District Nurses.

Two nurses (employed by the West Riding County Council) attend the Pre-Natal and Child Welfare Centres at Uppermill, Delph and Springhead. Springhead has a midwife who attends cases also in Denshaw. In Dobcross, Delph, Uppermill, Diggle and Greenfield the District Nurses attend midwifery cases.

Child Welfare Clinics.

Uppermill - Mechanics' Institute, Lee Street	Wednesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Springhead - Congregational School	Friday	2 - 4 p.m.
Delph - Independent Sunday School	Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Uppermill - Mechanics Institute	Fourth Thursday of month	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Springhead - Congregational School	Second Monday of month	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Delph - Second Thursday of month		2 p.m.

Tuberculosis Dispensary

Court Street, Uppermill	Thursday mornings	10 a.m. to 12 a.m.
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Hospitals: Public and Voluntary.

Infectious Fever Hospital.

Saddleworth has none of its own. Cases are sent to Hospital of neighbouring authorities at our expense, but we have no definite legal arrangements with such authorities.

Infectious cases have been sent to Westhulme, Oldham, Ashton, Hyde and Monsall (Manchester)

Small Pox Hospital.

Saddleworth has an old house on the hill side at Running Hill, Diggle which has in the past served as such. It is inadequate and it would be better to make arrangements for reception and treatment of cases with some other neighbouring authority.

General Hospitals.

Medical and Surgical cases from here are sent to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.
Oldham Royal Infirmary
Ashton Infirmary.
and less frequently to Huddersfield Infirmary.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Obtained from the reservoirs of the Ashton Joint Board and Oldham Corporation. No new supplies of water were required during the year.

The supply is continuous and has been satisfactory.

There are many houses which, by reason of their remote positions are not on the public supply. These obtain their water from springs and wells - and none of these have been closed during the year.

As the water supply is practically in all cases (both reservoirs and wells) obtained from the Millstone Grit Formation, it is soft on account of peat, precautions have been taken against its lead dissolving properties.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Areas still requiring sewerage are Digloo, Shaw Lee, Shaws, Higher Kinders, Tunstead, and are so situated that they could be connected to the public sewers.

Thirty-nine inspections of new drainage and sewerage works, carried out by private contractors, have been inspected and tested during the year. Regular inspection and flushing of the main sewerage system is carried out.

There have been no major extensions of the sewerage system during the year.

Closet Accommodation.

Water Closets	4630
Waste water Closets	623
Pail Closets	657
(Additional water closets to old buildings provided in 1941	20
Water closets for New Houses	Nil

Public Cleansing.

The Council employ 12 men using three covered waggons for the removal of household refuse, and one special waggon for night-soil.

The household refuse is chiefly disposed of by the controlled tipping system. The night-soil is now emptied into the sewer at the old Sewage Works site, Dobercross.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Camping Sites.

There are two camping sites in the district - one at Wood Camping Ground at Denshaw, and the other at Summer Shades, Greenfield. The latter site was licensed by the Council during the year for camping purposes.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No Council houses were infested, nor were any other houses.

Factories and Workshops.

Smoke Observations.

No action was taken as regards smoke abatement.

There are 53 factories and workshops in the area.

Inspection.

Frequent visits were paid to the factories and workshops to note matters concerning cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation drainage of floors and sanitary conveniences.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

All housing activities in the area were brought to a standstill owing to the war.

No plans were approved by the Council during the year for the erection of any houses whether by themselves or by private enterprise.

SECTION E.INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.Milk Supply.

During the year the Food Inspector accompanied the County Veterinary Surgeon to inspect dairies and cowsheds within the district. Altogether 212 visits were paid.

Quarterly inspections are made, and such inspections each quarter take about 14 days to perform.

Twenty-two samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination and three cows were destroyed under the Tuberculosis Order.

There is no production of Tuberculin Tested or Pasturised Milk in the district.

There are eleven licenses in force for the production of Accredited Milk.

Meat and Other Foods.

As the result of inspection 17 cwt 33 lbs of meat and offal were destroyed as unfit for human consumption.

Slaughterhouses.

The only slaughterhouse in use during the year, was one at Dobcross, controlled by the Ministry of Food.

SECTION F.PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.Notifiable Diseases.

Notifiable Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Smallpox	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	22	3	3
Diphtheria	6	4	1
Paratyphoid	2	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1
Pneumonia	12	1	5
Erysipelas	2	1	1
Whooping Cough	44	1	1
Measles	23	1	1
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	4	2	1

Diphtheria Immunisation.

No information has been obtained as to the number of children inoculated in the district during the year.

Incidence of Diphtheria.

Old Saddleworth	- 1932 and 1933	- 2 cases notified.
	1934 and 1935	- 49 "
	1936	- 11 "
New Saddleworth	- 1937	- 15 "
	1938	- 3 "
	1939	- No cases notified.
	1940	- 1 case notified.
	1941	- 6 cases notified.

The Council has authorised the free provision of Diphtheria Anti-toxin for the use of Saddleworth residents on the approval of the Medical Officer of Health.

New Cases of Tuberculosis during 1940.

Age Periods.	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	1
5 - 15	-	-	1	1
15 - 25	-	-	2	-
25 - 35	-	-	1	1
35 - 45	2	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-

There were 4 deaths from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System (Phthisis) and one death from other Tubercular Diseases during the year.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

P. B. WOOD.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR For the year ending 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Saddleworth.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the annual report for the year 1941. It is regretted that a good deal of the information has had to be omitted from this report owing to lack of records of work carried out during the year.

General Statistics.

Area	13,425 Acres
Population	16,890
Number of Inhabited Houses	
1st April, 1941	5,825
Rateable Value 1st April, 1941	£100,529
Sum represented by a penny rate	
1st April, 1941	£390

Statement as to houses in the District and their Sanitary Accommodation.

No of houses	6015
Factories, Workshops, Lock-up Shops etc.	186
Pail Closets	658
Water Closets	4630
Waste Water Closets	626
Earth Closets	87
Ashpits (covered and open)	88
Ashbins	4378

20 New Water Closets were erected to old property during the year.

Petroleum Licences.

33 Licences for the storage of petroleum spirit and one for the storage of Calcium Carbide were granted during the year.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

During the year 212 visits were made along with the County Veterinary Surgeon to Dairies and Cowsheds within the district.

Eleven informal notices requiring the remedying of unsatisfactory conditions were served.

All cows were examined each quarter, 22 samples taken for bacteriological examinations and 3 cows were destroyed under the provisions of the Tuberculosis Order.

Eleven of the farms in the district were licenced for the production of Accredited milk.

Slaughterhouses.

The only slaughterhouse in use during the year was the one at Dobcross, operated by the Ministry of Food.

Food Inspection.

Considerable time was spent in food inspection at the Government Slaughterhouse at Dobcross when 596 carcasses of Beef, 2642 Sheep and Lambs, 22 Pigs and 72 Calves were examined. 17 cwts 33 lbs of Beef, Pork and Offal were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H. W. NOWELL, Assoc. M.C.T.
M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspector.